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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OKAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

Blessing M. Fubara

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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges request for extension of time and amendment B filed 01/10/03. Amendment B was informal. Examiner also acknowledges request for extension of time, request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and amendment #, all filed 03/17/03.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on 03/17/03 has been entered.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-021227 and Cernasov et al. (US 5,976,510).

JP 11-021227 discloses a gel composition comprising 1.0-80.0 weight percent polyacrylamide, Vaseline or ceresin, 0.1-20.0 weight percent polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid ester as the non-ionic surfactant and organopolysiloxane (abstract). The JP reference in the translation provided by applicants suggests that pigments and fillers may be used in the gel composition and embodiments 4 and 5 contain pigments and talc and mica.

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The JP-11-021227 translation teaches that the desired cosmetic formulation is one that does not run off from hands or face and is not sticky (paragraph 003) and one that would retain moisture and formulations contain inorganic pigments or colorants, pearl agent, antioxidants and ultraviolet light absorber (paragraph 0019 and embodiments 4 and 5).

JP 11-021227 teaches the instant cosmetic composition except that the JP reference does not include water-repellant agent. Cernasov teaches a cosmetic tanning and sunscreen composition that is water repellant, stable and moisturizing (abstract). The composition of Cernasov contains inorganic pigments that are treated with perfluoroalkyl phosphates (column 1, lines 32-67 and examples 1-3) and perfluoroalkyl phosphate is listed by applicants' specification as a water repellant and oil repellant agent.

The teachings of both references are directed to cosmetic composition. Cernasov is relied upon for a teaching of a cosmetic tanning and sunscreen composition that contains perfluoroalkyl phosphate treated inorganic pigments. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to prepare a cosmetic composition according to the teachings of JP 11-021227 and include the perfluoroalkyl phosphate of Cernasov with the expectation that the resulting formulation would have excellent moisture retention characteristics. One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify the composition of JP 11-021227 to include the perfluoroalkyl phosphate treated pigments of Cernasov in order for the composition to have excellent moisture retention characteristic and excellent water-repellant and oil-repellant characteristics.

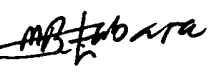
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5. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicants' cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicants may become aware in the specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blessing M. Fubara whose telephone number is 703-308-8374. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on 703-308-2927. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3592 for regular communications and 703-305-3592 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1234.

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